

1        ~~20.~~     A device comprising a backplane comprising:  
2        a low tier that is capable of aggregate traffic rates of up to approximately two gigabits per  
3        second; and  
4        a high tier that is capable of aggregate traffic rates of up to approximately twenty gigabits per  
5        second;  
6        wherein said device comprises one of: an access processor unit, a modem unit, and a  
7        combined access processor and modem unit.

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REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application is respectfully  
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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